[Mr. P. S. Mahomed.]

(*b*) that there are a large number of Muslim boys of school-going age; and

(*c*) that they are kept at home without being sent to schools as there are no schools at present there?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There are some boys of school-going age.

(*c*) It is reported that a few boys are kept at home without being sent to school; but it is not known whether it is due wholly to the absence of a school at the place, since there is a school not very far from the place, which the pupils might attend.

Muslim inmates in the Government Hostel, Trivandrum.

190. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Muslim boarders in the Government Hostel in the beginning of the current school year (1929-30);

(*b*) the highest number of Muslim boarders in the hostel;

(*c*) their present number;

(*d*) the causes for the decrease in their number; and

(*e*) whether those who left the hostel got sanction to leave it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 12.

(*b*) 12.

(*c*) 2.

(*d*) It is reported that the cook in the Mahomedan mess resigned his appointment and it took some time to secure the services of a new man. In the meanwhile certain inmates of the mess desired to leave it and make their own arrangements. They were permitted to do so.

(*e*) Yes.

Boarding of the Muslim inmates of the Government Hostel.

191. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of days in 1105 during which the Muslim boarders of the Government hostel were compelled to take their meals from outside;

(*b*) the reasons for allowing them to take meals from outside; and

(*c*) the reasons why they were permitted to go out of the hostel?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) It is reported that no Mahomedan inmate was compelled to take meals outside the hostel. The Mahomedan mess was left without a cook for about 21 days. Consequently, the inmates were, at their request, allowed to take meals outside the hostel during the above period.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*d*) of question No. 190.

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